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## CITIZEN BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

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JUNE, 1978

TRIBAL ELECTIONS - June 24, 1978 is election day for the Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer. Candidates for these offices must declare their candidacy for a particular office with Beverly I. Hughes, Business Committee Secretary-Treasurer, by 5:00 p.m., June 13, 1978.

PER CAPITA PAYMENT - Tribal members with changes of name or address are urged to submit these changes to the Tribal Office. We will be accepting these kinds of changes down to the final printout which is scheduled for June 26, 1978. This means the payment will be made the last of June or the first of July.

Members who do not receive the per capita check should contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Shawnee Agency, Federal Building, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801, or the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Office, Route 5, Box 151, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801.

COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM - Efforts to reach all tribal members in the Shawnee Service Area is well underway through the CHR Home Visit Survey. The survey is being conducted to assess the health needs of our people, and should be completed by the end of the summer. Anyone wishing to give some input into this program, who has not been contacted by the CHR Office, should contact the CHR Program at the Tribal Office.

Tena Larney, CHR Director, and the CHR Staff will be using survey information for future health programs.

CHRs Wanita Clifford and Thelma Bateman are working diligently with our Senior Citizens Programs. Currently, they are concentrating on efforts toward organizing the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging. Wanita is on the Sixteen Board-Member Council for the organization, representing the Potawatomi, Kickapoo, Absentee-Shawnee, Iowa, and Sac & Fox Tribes in the Shawnee area. Wanita and Thelma organized a trip to the Cowboy Hall of Fame for tribal members in recognition of Senior Citizens during the month of May. The Senior Citizens had an enjoyable trip and the CHRs will be having other recreational trips on a quarterly basis for the remainder of this year. Any Senior Citizen interested in these trips should contact the tribal office. They also have Armchair Travel Movies and visit with Blood Pressure Clinics in four Senior Citizens Centers: Konawa, Maud, Wanette, and Shawnee. Our people are reminded to go to these centers for this service.

CHR Carol White is busy with the Maternal Child Health Care Program. Arrangements are being made for Carol to work with the Shawnee Indian Health Clinic Nurse, Lavoe Maxwell, for training to assist young mothers, pre-natals, and new born infants.

CHR Lilly Lang is involved in Mental Health. She is a good listener, and is at your service.

CHR David Pecore has recently begun working within the CHR Program, and is an asset to the program.

The entire CHR staff has been involved with the Rabies Clinics this spring. The first clinic was held at the Shawnee Indian Health Clinic, one at Wanette, one scheduled for May 23, 1978 at the Asher Fire Station, and the last clinic is scheduled at the Potawatomi Tribal Office, June 29, 1978.

IMMUNIZATION LAW - Parents are reminded: Every minor child admitted to school in grades Kindergarten through Twelfth must have received no fewer than 4 oral polio, 3 DPT/DT, one Measles, one Rubella, or be in the process of receiving the required immunizations, or meet the exemption for medical, religious, or parental objection. (Oklahoma School Code - 70 O.S. 1971 SS1210. 191-1210-194, amended June 1976)

HIP, CHD, AND EM PROGRAMS - The four programs monitored through the Potawatomi Tribal Office HIP, IAT Student Program, Environmental Maintenance, and CHD, are under the direction of Mark Roberts.

Through the Campaign for Human Development Program (CHD), according to the contract with the Potawatomi Tribe, work must be completed on ten homes within the fiscal year. To date, work has been completed on 18 homes located within the old reservation boundary. Tribal members who, during this past quarter, have received CHD services on their homes are: Emma E. Morgan Ruth Lucy, Opal Sullivan, Jessie Wheeler, Perry Smith, Nola B. Lawson, James Wheeler, Dave Edwards, George Slaven, and Maggie Cheatwood. Work is being completed that will exceed contract requirements.

Services through the Home Improvement Program (HIP), have been performed and completed on 5 homes. For this contract year, Tribal Members who received these home improvement services are: Rosalee Kesterson, Teresa L. Bailey, Robert Horner Jr., George Yott, and Opal Dawson. On going work continues on the homes of Florian Ruth Wright, Joseph Cheatwood, Betty R. Moon, and Julia Ann Walden.

The Environmental Maintenance Program (EM), expires June 6, 1978. In related areas, the Environmental Health Program will be launched soon thereafter, under the guidance of CHR Director, Tena Larney. This program will concentrate on the instruction and guidance in areas of home improvement. Much of the instruction will focus on septic tank repair, and replacement and repair of water well pumps.

Through the Indian Action Team (IAT), the tribe contracts to recruit, educate, and train 40 Indian students in various trades within the fiscal year. October of '78 will mark the completion of the current program, and in September, 46 students will have completed this program, should the present student body complete their respective courses.

AGRICULTURE EXTENSION PROGRAM - Through contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Potawatomi Tribal Office has implemented an Agriculture Extension Program. Joe Negahnquet is the Project Coordinator. The services offered to senior tribal members through the Agriculture Extension Program are water well inspection, pest control, and minimal gardening assistance. One workshop every three months is scheduled to train for self-help in these areas. Tribal members needing services of this kind, who qualify in the senior age bracket, should call the tribal office for details.

TRIBAL PROGRAMS - Annette Van Dusen, Tribal Planner, received notice from the National Endowment for the Humanities that a proposal for curriculum development has been funded for \$21,000.00. This grant will be used to produce a curriculum guide for young children. The guide will focus on five of the tribes in this area, specifically the Potawatomi, Kickapoo, Sac & Fox, Shawnee and Creek. Materials will be developed which will introduce Indian culture to both Indian children and non-Indian children. We are working to make this a quality product with the hope that it will get state-wide and nation-wide dissemination.

The Potawatomi Tribe will sponsor a Head Start Class in the fall for Indian children in the Shawnee Area. Program funds are being made available through the Indian Migrant Program and were awarded on a non-competitive basis. This is another step in providing a full range of educational services, and we are pleased to be a part of this program.

Pre-applications for the Community Development Block Grant will be due on July 15, 1978. We have been attending meetings and trying to help in the attempt to divide the available money and to set project priorities. Rehabilitation of homes seems to be the most favorable project, and we are gathering data from our Housing Surveys (which we did two years ago) to establish the need for this kind of program. We will keep you informed of further development.



The regulations have been finalized for the Community Development Block Grant Indian Set-aside. We have recently attended a meeting to develop a proposal rating system and method of distribution for funds. Walter Nelson was appointed a member of this committee making him one of eight members representing twenty-nine Oklahoma tribes.

We express our appreciation to John Schoemann, a Tribal Member, for including our administrative staff in several informed meetings with Community Development Block Grants and Industrial Development Officials.

We encourage all tribal members to lend their support in our efforts toward Economic and Cultural Development.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER - Attention Tribal Members, we are anticipating that the June Council Meeting will be held in the New Potawatomi Community Development Center. The Council Room is almost double the size of the present council room, so we have plenty of room for everyone.

BABYSITTING SERVICES - Babysitting services will be offered to those Tribal Members who plan to attend the June Council Meeting. You must contact the Tribal Office one week prior to the June 24, 1978 meeting and notify Louise Neugent of your intentions to bring your child or children. There will be a minimal fee for the services and each child should bring a sack lunch. Hours of operation will be 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

POTAWATOMI PAGEANT - Sponsored by Potawatomi Business Committee, June 22-23, 1978 - Place: Potawatomi Cultural Heritage Center, South of Shawnee, Oklahoma. Pecan Grove Setting. Part III of the Historical Drama "KINAN CHIKOTE". The unfolding of little known American History about the People of the Fire, in a beautiful setting on the Potawatomi grounds. 7:00 p.m. each evening.

ADMISSION FREE - EVERYBODY WELCOME - PUBLIC INVITED

Anyone interested in working on, or in, the play please contact the Potawatomi Tribal Office at 275-3125. LEAVE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER, we will contact you. The cast will meet June 5, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center. We need approximately 45 people for the play, please help us, if you can.

POTAWATOMI POW-WOW - Sponsored by Potawatomi Inter-Tribal Pow-Wow Club, June 24-25, 1978. Fifth Annual Pow-Wow. Place: Potawatomi Cultural Heritage Center, South of Shawnee, Oklahoma. CAMPING-RATIONS TO CAMPERS-INDIAN DINNER FOR ALL: 5:00 p.m., Saturday.

STAFF - Head Man Dancer: Dixon Palmer - Head Woman Dancer: Eva Watchetaker - Head Boy Dancer: Vincent Longhorn - Head Girl Dancer: Eva Louise Duncan - Head Singer: Jim Warden - Arena Director: Buck Tasier - Master of Ceremonies: Scott Tonemah and Harry Walker - Host Gourd Clan: Enid War Dance Club - Pow-Wow Princess: Angela Tsotaddle

Camp ground open Friday evening after Pageant. Gourd Dancing Saturday P.M. at 3:00. Dinner for all Saturday P.M. at 5:00. Gourd-Fancy-Straight Dancing 7:00. Sunday morning Rations 8:00 A.M. Religious Service for all 12:15 P.M. Gourd Dancing Sunday P.M. at 2:00. CADDO TURKEY DANT AT 4:30. Hosted by Hasinai Cultural Center Group. Gourd-Fancy-Straight Dancing 7:00-10:00 P.M.

OPEN DRUM - SINGERS ENCOURAGED

DAY CARE CENTER - We have been notified that our Title IV Project - Day Care - was not funded this year. However, the children's center has been operating quite successfully on a paying basis, and we anticipate the continuation of this worthwhile project.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT - The search for economic and industrial development continues. To date more than two hundred letters have been sent out to major companies, seeking contracts to provide them with goods or services. Also, some thirty-five tribes have been contacted for information about projects which have been operated successfully.

TRIBAL ARCHIVES MATERIAL - Many thanks and deep appreciation are due to tribal member, Jerry Lewis. Through his tireless efforts the tribe is acquiring valuable historical information to be catalogued into our tribal library. This material will be made available at the tribal office to tribal members and public who wish to research Potawatomi history.

LEGISLATION - Congress has enacted a statute of limitations establishing a time limit after which the United States is forever barred from commencing a lawsuit to recover money damages on behalf of recognized Indian tribes, bands or groups of American Indians or individual Indians whose lands are held in trust or restricted status. The statute applies to all cases where the United States has capacity to sue to recover money damages on behalf of an Indian tribe or individual Indian by virtue of its trust responsibility to protect Indian property rights. This statute does not apply to claims which Indian tribes or individual Indians may have against the United States.

Individuals who believe that they may have a claim which is subject to this statute should contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Shawnee Agency, Post Office Building, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801. All actions must be reported prior to December 1, 1978.

BUILDING DEDICATION/OPEN HOUSE - Everyone is cordially invited to the dedication and open house ceremonies at the new tribal building on June 24, 1978, at 10:00 a.m. The building will house the tribal council room and the Shipshewano Learning Center, named in honor of our late Hereditary Chief, Frank Wano.\* During the dedication ceremonies, tribute will be paid to tribal leaders of the past. We especially hope that former council members who have contributed so much to the growth of tribal programs and activities will join us on this occasion.

\*Franklin Wano, the Son of Frank Wano, was, at the time of his father's death, next in line to claim the title of Hereditary Chief, and is now serving the Potawatomi Tribe in that capacity.

TRIBAL HISTORY MEETING - All tribal members 70 years of age and older, knowing our tribal history in the early years, including the early times in Indian Territory, then known as Oklahoma, will meet Saturday, July 15, 1978, at the Council Room starting at 10:00 a.m. You will all be meeting with Priscilla Sherard. We need to record what you know that isn't in the history books.

POTAWATOMI ARTIST - On view at the Potawatomi Tribal Office is a collection of prints and original silk screens by the celebrated Potawatomi Indian artist Woody Crumbo. These prints can be purchased at the receptionist desk. Congratulations are in order to Woody, who will be inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in November.

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